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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hideji Tajima

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Group Art Unit: 3407

Serial No.: 09/802,152

Examiner: Forman, Betty J.

Filed: March 8, 2001

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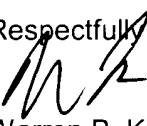
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed November 27, 2001, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-7, 22-29, and 36-38 drawn to an integrated support, method of making an integrated support and using an integrated support, classified in class 422, subclass 68.1.

Applicant's election is made with traverse on the grounds that the inventions delineated by the examiner are capable of use together and/or do not have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. A Response to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office action mailed November 27, 2001;
2. this transmittal letter in duplicate; and
3. return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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